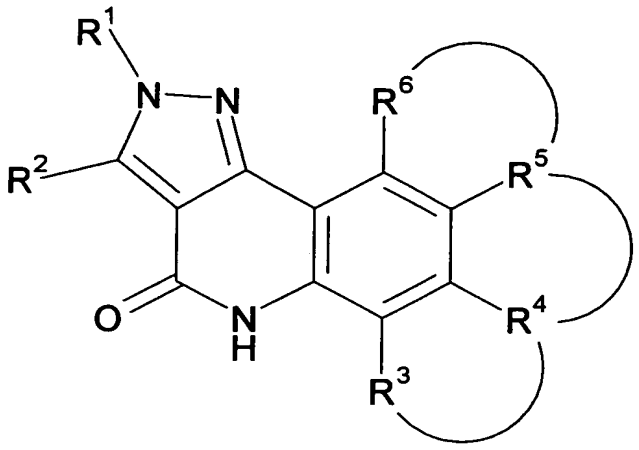
CLAIMS

1. A compound represented by the formula:



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wherein R^1 is an aryl group which may be substituted, or an aromatic heterocyclic group which may be substituted; R^2 is a hydrogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a hydroxy group which may be substituted, or a thiol group which may be substituted; R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6, which may be identical or different, are each (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a nitro group, (3) a cyano group, (4) a halogen atom, (5) a hydrocarbon group which may be substituted, (6) an amino group which may be substituted, (7) a hydroxy group which may be substituted, or (8) a thiol group which may be substituted; and R^3 and R^4, R^4 and R^5, and R^5 and R^6 may respectively form a ring together with the adjacent carbon atom, or a salt thereof.

2. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is

(1) a phenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from: (1') a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl group, a C_{7-14} aralkyl group, a (6') hydroxy group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{6-12} aryloxy group, a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy group, a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyloxy group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyloxy group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyloxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylthio group, a C_{6-12} arylthio group, a C_{7-14} aralkylthio group, a carboxy group, a C_{1-}

$_{6}$ alkyl-carbonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group, a C_{6-12} aryl-carbonyl group, a $_{7-14}$ aralkyl-carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group, a C_{6-12} aryloxy-carbonyl group, a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group, a carbamoyl group, a mono-C_{1-6} alkyl-carbamoyl group, a di-C_{1-6} alkyl-cabamoyl group, a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenylsulfonyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynylsulfonyl group, an amino group, a mono-C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a di-C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a mono-C_{2-6} alkenylamino group, a di-C_{2-6} alkenylamino group, a mono-C_{2-6} alkynylamino group, a di-C_{2-6} alkynylamino group, a mono-C_{6-12} arylamino group, a di-C_{6-12} arylamino group, a mono-C_{7-14} aralkylamino group, a di-C_{7-14} aralkylamino group, a halogen atom, an azido group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group (this heterocyclic group may be substituted with a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be halogenated), a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group (this heterocyclic moiety may be substituted with a halogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be halogenated), a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group (this heterocyclic moiety may be substituted with a halogen atom, a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be halogenated), a C_{1-4} alkylene group and a C_{1-4} alkylenedioxy group (hereinafter, simply referred to as Substituent Group C); (2') a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (3') a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (4') a C_{6-12} aryl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (5') a C_{7-14} aralkyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (6') a hydroxy group; (7') a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (8') a C_{6-12} aryloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected

from the Substituent Group C; (9') a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (10') a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (11') a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (12') a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (13') a C_{1-6} alkylthio group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (14') a C_{6-12} arylthio group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (15') a C_{7-14} aralkylthio group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (16') a carboxy group; (17') a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (18') a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (19') a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (20') a C_{6-12} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (21') a C_{7-14} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (22') a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (23') a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (24') a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (25') a C_{6-12} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (26') a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (27') a carbamoyl group; (28') a mono-C_{1-6} alkyl-

carbamoyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (29') a di-C_{1-6} alkylcarbamoyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (30') a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (31') a C_{2-6} alkenylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (32') a C_{2-6} alkynylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (33') an amino group; (34') a mono-C_{1-6} alkylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (35') a di-C_{1-6} alkylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (36') a mono-C_{2-6} alkenylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (37') a di-C_{2-6} alkenylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (38') a mono-C_{2-6} alkynylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (39') a di-C_{2-6} alkynylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (40') a mono-C_{6-12} arylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (41') a di-C_{6-12} arylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (42') a mono-C_{7-14} aralkylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (43') a di-C_{7-14} aralkylamino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (44') a mono-5- to 8-membered heterocyclic amino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (45') a di-5- to 8-membered heterocyclic amino group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (46') a (C_{1-6}

alkyl which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C) (a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C) amino group; (47') a halogen atom; (48') an azido group; (49') a nitro group; (50') a cyano group; (51') a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (52') a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (53') a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from the Substituent Group C; (54') a C_{1-4} alkylene group; and (55') a C_{1-4} alkylenedioxy group (hereinafter, simply referred to Substituent Group A),

(2) a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, or

(3) a group resulting from condensation of the 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, with a benzene ring;

R^2 is

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) an amino group which may be mono- or di- substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5

substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the

Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(3) a hydroxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6}

alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(4) a thiol group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the

Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group which may be substituted

with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(5) a C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(6) a C_{6-10} arylsulfinyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(7) a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, or

(8) a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6, which may be identical or different, are each:

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) a nitro group,

(3) a cyano group,

(4) a halogen atom,

(5) a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(6) a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(7) a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(8) a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(9) a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(10) a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1

to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(11) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(12) a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(13) a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(14) a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(15) a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(16) a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(17) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(18) a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(19) a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(20) a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(21) a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(22) a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be

substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(23) a carbamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10}

aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(24) a sulfamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6}

alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5-

to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(25) an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1

to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(26) a hydroxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5

substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkylsulfonyloxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to

8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic sulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(27) a thiol group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from: a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkenyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyl-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6}

alkenyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{2-6} alkynyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{3-6} cycloalkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{6-10} aryloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a C_{7-11} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A; and a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic oxy-carbonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(28) a C_{1-6} alkylsulfinyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(29) a C_{6-10} arylsulfinyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A,

(30) a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, or

(31) a C_{6-10} arylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A;

or R^3 and R^4, R^4 and R^5, and R^5 and R^6 respectively form, together with the adjacent carbon atom, (1) a 5- to 8-membered homocyclic ring which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, or (2) a

5- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring which may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the Substituent Group A, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

3. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is a substituted aryl group, or an aromatic heterocyclic group which may be substituted.

4. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 is a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydrocarbon group which may be substituted, an amino group which may be substituted, a hydroxy group which may be substituted, or a thiol group which may be substituted.

5. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^4 is an amino group which may be substituted, or a hydroxy group which may be substituted.

6. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is:

(1) a C_{6-12} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from:

(a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from

(i) a halogen atom,

(ii) a hydroxy group, and

(iii) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from a hydroxy group and a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

(b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from

(i) a hydroxy group,

(ii) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(iii) a carboxy group,

(iv) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(v) a carbamoyl group,

(vi) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from a hydroxy group and a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group, and

(viii) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

(c) a halogen atom;

(d) a hydroxy group;

(e) an amino group;

(f) a nitro group;

(g) a carboxy group;

(h) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group;

(i) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyloxy group;

(j) a C_{6-12} aryloxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a hydroxy group and a C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

(k) a C_{6-14} aralkyloxy group;

(l) a C_{3-7} cycloalkyloxy group;

(m) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

(n) a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group; and

(o) a C_{6-12} arylsulfonyl group,

or

(2) a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from:

(a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and

(b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom, or a group resulting from

condensation of the 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group with a benzene ring;

R^2 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom, or

(2) an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom;

R^4 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) a nitro group,

(3) an amino group,

(4) a hydroxy group,

(5) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(a) a hydroxy group,

(b) a cyano group,

(c) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(d) a carboxy group,

(e) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(f) a carbamoyl group,

(g) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and

(h) an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

or

(6) a group represented by the formula:

$-X''(CH_2)_{b''}-R^{11''}$

wherein X'' is -O-, $-NHSO_2-$, -NHCO- or $-NR^{12''}-$ (wherein $R^{12''}$ is a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom),

b'' is an integer from 1 to 4, and

$R^{11''}$ is a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from

(a) a hydroxy group, and

(b) a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

R^5 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or

(3) a group represented by the formula:

$-O-(CH_2)_{b'''}-R^{11'''}$

wherein b''' is an integer from 2 to 4, and

$R^{11'''}$ is a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from

(a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and

(b) a C_{6-14} aryl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

R^6 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) a hydroxy group,

(3) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(a) a hydroxy group,

(b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(c) a carboxy group,

(d) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(e) a carbamoyl group,

(f) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

(g) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom, and

(h) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group

which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom,

(4) a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy group, or

(5) a group represented by the formula:

$-O-(CH_2)_{b''''}-R^{11''''}$

wherein b'''' is an integer from 1 to 4, and

$R^{11''''}$ is a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

7. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is a C_{6-12} aryl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from:

(a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from:

(i) a halogen atom,

(ii) a hydroxy group, and

(iii) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from a hydroxy group, a halogen atom and a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom,

(b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(i) a hydroxy group,

(ii) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(iii) a carboxy group,

(iv) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(v) a carbamoyl group, and

(vi) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

(c) a halogen atom,

(d) a hydroxy group,

(i) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyloxy group,

(j) a C_{6-12} aryloxy group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, and

(m) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-oxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

R^2 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom, or

(2) an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom;

R^4 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom,

(2) a nitro group,

(3) an amino group,

(4) a hydroxy group,

(5) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(a) a hydroxy group,

(b) a cyano group,

(c) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(d) a carboxy group,

(e) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(f) a carbamoyl group, and

(g) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or

(6) a group represented by the formula:

$-X''(CH_2)_{b''}-R^{11''}$

wherein X'' is $-O-$, $-NR^{12''}-$ (wherein $R^{12''}$ is a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom);

b'' is an integer from 1 to 4; and

$R^{11''}$ is a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(a) a hydroxy group, and

(b) a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom;

R^5 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom, or

(2) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

R^6 is:

(1) a hydrogen atom, or

(2) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a substituent selected from:

(a) a hydroxy group,

(b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group,

(c) a carboxy group,

(d) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group,

(e) a carbamoyl group,

(f) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group,

(g) a carbamoyl group which is mono- or di-substituted with a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic group having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom, and

(h) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic-carbonyl group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and has 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

8. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is (1) a phenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from: (a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms or hydroxy groups, (b) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, (c) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyloxy group, (d) a C_{1-6} alkoxy-carbonyl group, (e) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group, (f) a C_{1-6}

alkylsulfonyl group, (g) a halogen atom, (h) a hydroxy group, (i) an amino group, (j) a nitro group, (k) a carboxy group, (l) a cyano group, (m) a C_{6-12} aryloxy group, (n) a C_{7-14} aralkyloxy group, (o) a C_{6-12} aryl-carbonyl group, (p) a C_{7-14} aralkyl-carbonyl group, (q) a mono-C_{1-6} alkylamino group, (r) a di-C_{1-6} alkylamino group, (s) a C_{6-12} arylamino group, and (t) a C_{7-14} aralkylamino group (hereinafter, simply referred to as Substituent Group B), (2) a pyridyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the Substituent Group B, (3) a thiazolyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the Substituent Group B, or (4) a pyrimidinyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the Substituent Group B;

R^2 is (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with (a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (b) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group, or (3) a hydroxy group which may be substituted with (a) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (b) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6, which may be identical or different, are each (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a cyano group, (3) a halogen atom, (4) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (5) an amino group, (6) a hydroxy group, (7) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or (8) a group represented by the formula: $-X(CH_2)_b-R^{11}$ [wherein X is $-O-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^{12}-$, $-OSO_2-$, $-NR^{12}CO-$, $-NR^{12}SO_2-$, $-CONR^{12}-$ or $-SO_2NR^{12}-$ (wherein R^{12} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group); b is an integer from 2 to 4; R^{11} is (a) a piperidyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (b) a piperazinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (c) a morpholinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (d) a pyrrolidinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group]; or R^3 and R^4, R^4 and R^5, and R^5 and R^6 respectively form, together with the adjacent carbon atom, (1) a 5- to 8-membered

homocyclic ring, or (2) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

9. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is (1) a phenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from (a) a C_{1-3} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms or hydroxy groups, (b) a C_{1-3} alkoxy group, (c) a C_{1-3} alkyl-carbonyloxy group, (d) a halogen atom, (e) a hydroxy group, (f) an amino group, and (g) a cyano group (hereinafter, simply referred to as Substituent Group C), or (2) a pyridyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the Substituent Group C;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom or an amino group;

R^3 is (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a cyano group, (3) a halogen atom, (4) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (5) an amino group, (6) a hydroxy group, or (7) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

R^4, R^5 and R^6, which may be identical or different, are each (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a cyano group, (3) a halogen atom, (4) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (5) an amino group, (6) a hydroxy group, (7) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or (8) a group represented by the formula: $-X(CH_2)_b-R^{11}$ [wherein X is $-O-$, $-NR^{12}-$, $-OSO_2-$, $-NR^{12}CO-$, $-NR^{12}SO_2-$, $-CONR^{12}-$ or $-SO_2NR^{12}-$ (wherein R^{12} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group); b is an integer from 2 to 4; R^{11} is (a) a piperidyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (b) a piperazinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (c) a morpholinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (d) a pyrrolidinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group]; or R^3 and R^4, R^4 and R^5, and R^5 and R^6 respectively form, together with the adjacent carbon atom, (1) a 5- to 8-membered homocyclic ring, or (2) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an

oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

10. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is a phenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from (a) a C_{1-3} alkyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms or hydroxy groups, (b) a C_{1-3} alkoxy group, (c) a C_{1-3} alkyl-carbonyloxy group, (d) a halogen atom, (e) a hydroxy group, (f) an amino group, and (g) a cyano group;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom or an amino group;

R^3 is a hydrogen atom;

R^4, R^5 and R^6, which may be identical or different, are each (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a cyano group, (3) a halogen atom, (4) a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (5) an amino group, (6) a hydroxy group, (7) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or (8) a group represented by the formula: $-X(CH_2)_b-R^{11}$ [wherein X is $-O-$, $-NR^{12}-$, $-OSO_2-$, $-NR^{12}CO-$, $-NR^{12}SO_2-$ (wherein R^{12} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group); b is an integer from 2 to 4; and R^{11} is (a) a piperidyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (b) a piperazinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (c) a morpholinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (d) a pyrrolidinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group]; or R^3 and R^4, R^4 and R^5, and R^5 and R^6 respectively form, together with the adjacent carbon atom, (1) a 5- to 8-membered homocyclic ring, or (2) a 5- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

11. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is a phenyl group which may be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from (a) a C_{1-3} alkyl group, (b) a C_{1-3} alkoxy group, (c) a halogen atom, and (d) a hydroxy group.

12. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^2 is a hydrogen atom or an amino group.

13. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^4 is (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or (3) a group represented by the formula: $-X'(CH_2)_{b'}-R^{11'}$ (wherein X' is -O- or -NH-; b' is an integer from 2 to 4; and $R^{11'}$ is (1') a piperidyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (2') a piperazinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (3') a morpholinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (4') a pyrrolidinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group).

14. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^5 is (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or (3) a group represented by the formula: $-X'(CH_2)_{b'}-R^{11'}$ (wherein X' is -O- or -NH-; b' is an integer from 2 to 4; $R^{11'}$ is (1') a piperidyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (2') a piperazinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, (3') a morpholinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or (4') a pyrrolidinyl group which may be substituted with a hydroxy group or a C_{1-6} alkyl group).

15. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with a C_{1-6} alkoxy group.

16. The compound according to Claim 1, which is 3-amino-7,8-dimethoxy-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(5-hydroxy-2-

methylphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(2-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(2-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl)-7-(3-morpholin-4-ylpropoxy)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(2-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl)-7-(2-morpholin-4-ylethoxy)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-7-(3-morpholin-4-ylpropoxy)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-7-(2-morpholin-4-ylethoxy)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-[4-(2,6-difluorophenoxy)-5-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl]-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-7-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-2-(5-hydroxy-2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, 3-amino-7-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-2-(5-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-phenoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]quinolin-4-one, or a salt thereof.

17. A prodrug of the compound according to Claim 1.

18. A medicine comprising the compound according to Claim 1 or a prodrug thereof.

19. The medicine according to Claim 18, which is a kinase inhibitor.

20. The medicine according to Claim 18, which is an Src inhibitor.

21. The medicine according to Claim 18, which is an agent for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of cancer.

22. The medicine according to Claim 18, which is an agent for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of breast cancer, renal cancer, urinary bladder cancer, oral cavity cancer, laryngeal cancer, esophageal cancer, stomach cancer, colon cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, liver cancer, prostate cancer or skin cancer.

23. The medicine according to Claim 18, which is an agent for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of osteoporosis.

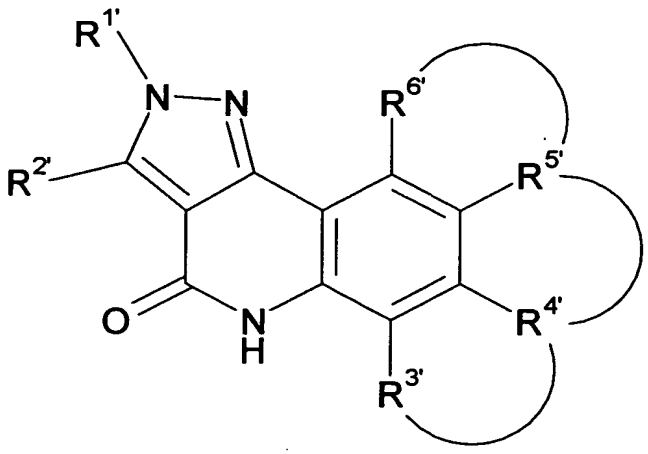
24. A method of inhibiting kinase which comprises administrating an effective amount of the compound according to Claim 1 or a prodrug thereof to a mammal.

25. A method of preventing and/or treating cancer which comprises administrating an effective amount of the compound according to Claim 1 or a prodrug thereof to a mammal.

26. Use of the compound according to Claim 1 or a prodrug thereof, for the manufacture of a kinase inhibitor.

27. Use of the compound according to Claim 1 or a prodrug thereof, for the manufacture of an agent for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of cancer.

28. A compound represented by the formula:



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wherein $R^{1'}$ is a cycloalkyl group which may be substituted; $R^{2'}$ is a hydrogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a hydroxy group which may be substituted, or a thiol group which may be substituted; $R^{3'}$, $R^{4'}$, $R^{5'}$ and $R^{6'}$, which may be identical or different, are each (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a nitro group, (3) a cyano group, (4) a halogen atom, (5) a hydrocarbon group which may be substituted, (6) an amino group which may be substituted, (7) a hydroxy group which may be substituted, or (8) a thiol group which may be substituted; $R^{3'}$ and $R^{4'}$, $R^{4'}$ and $R^{5'}$, and $R^{5'}$ and $R^{6'}$ may respectively form a ring together with the adjacent carbon atom, or a salt thereof.